

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In Re the Application of: |) | Group Art Unit: 1764 |
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| Kindig et al. |) | Examiner: Alexa Doroshenk Neckel |
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| Serial No. 09/800,421 |) | RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION |
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| For: "METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT |) | |
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Commissioner for Patents
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This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 1, 2006, and the subsequent Office Communication having a mailing date of October 16, 2006, with respect to the above-identified Application.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136, extending the time period for response to the Office Communication to December 18, 2006. The funds for this extension (small entity) are being submitted by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.